

Order of Service

Sunday, March 2, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Prelude Excerpts from *Seussical the Musical*

***Processional Hymn** *Let Us All Sing!* by E. Poddany

***Invocation** from *Oh, the Things You Can Think!* Rev. Michelle Collins

***Passing the Peace**

◆Welcome and Announcements

Centering *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place*
(Please remain seated and sing through once.)
When our heart is in a holy place
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love and amazing grace
When our heart is in a holy place

Lighting the Chalice Rev. Collins
from *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*

Unison Affirmation

We affirm that love is our greatest purpose.
Accepting one another is the truest form of faithful living.
The search for truth is our constant star.
We pledge our hearts, minds and hands:
To challenge injustice with courage;
To find hope in times of fear;
And to live out our Unitarian Universalist values every day
as a beloved community.
Thus do we covenant with each other and with all that is sacred in life.

Response *Ah - A - A - A - A - A - Ah...* by E. Poddany Scott Ward

Time for All Ages Rev. Collins & Paul Jacobs
Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose

◆Departing Blessing *For You Shall Go Out* – by T. Benjamin
The song will be sung twice.

For you shall go out in joy, For you shall go out in joy,
And come back in peace, And come back in peace, Blessed be.

Meditation & Prayer from *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* Rev. Collins

Silence

Prayers for the People

Music for Meditation Meditation on *Spirit of Life* by C. McDade S. Ward

Stewardship Testimonial Lois Morris

◆Offertory *I Can Figure Figures* by E. Poddany

Story *The Butter Battle Book* Rev. Collins

***Hymn** #1007 *There's a River Flowin' in My Soul*

Sermon *Finding Peace Anywhere* Rev. Michelle Collins

***Closing Hymn** #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

***Benediction** Rev. Collins

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Happy Birthday Mr. Geisel* S.Ward
(Please be seated through the end of the Postlude)

Greeting One Another – Turn and greet your neighbor with radical hospitality!

* Please stand, as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.
◆ Ushers will welcome late-comers into the service at this time.



This morning we celebrate the 110th birthday of Dr. Seuss (March 2, 1904 – September 24, 1991). All of the readings in the service are from the books of Dr. Seuss.

Listening & Caring: The Pastoral Care Team is here for you! If you are struggling, facing unusual stresses or changes in your life, experiencing illness or a hospitalization, struggling with a recent loss, or just need someone who can listen, there is someone here for you. Please contact Assistant Minister Rev. Michelle Collins or any member of the Pastoral Care Team, as identified by the red name tags.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

OFFICE: Rita McWhorter
GREETERS: Phil Dowd & Marie Oakberg, Cathy Cambridge, Suzanne Perry
USHERS: Lucy Rabe, Judy Govatos, Martin Peres, Margaret Sheridan
FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the RE Wing
CYRE TEAM REP: Jen Hann-Deschaine

In the Parish Hall:

WELCOME TABLE: Kathi Weiss **UUSC COFFEE:** Steve Marek
HOSPITALITY: Board of Trustees **AV TEAM:** Jon Claney
BOOSTER CARDS: Suzanne Proud **BOOK CORNER:** Debbe Krape
STRATEGIC PLANNING: Strategic Planning Committee
EMPOWERING OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY: Stewardship Team
GROUPS & PROGRAMS: Open Heart Zen Sangha

FIRST U'S VALUES, MISSION AND ENDS

OUR VALUES:

At First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, we work to embody: Love and Compassion, Growth and Discovery, Freedom and Justice, Wonder and Joy.

OUR MISSION:

First Unitarian Church of Wilmington is a beloved community that nourishes minds and spirits, fights injustice, and transforms the world through loving action.

OUR ENDS:

At First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, people of all ages:
Feel safe, accepted, and loved – and empowered to be our authentic selves.
Gain new perspectives and grow as informed, spiritual human beings.
Act on our shared values and Unitarian Universalist identity to fight for a more just world.
Experience wonder, inspiration, fulfillment, and joy.

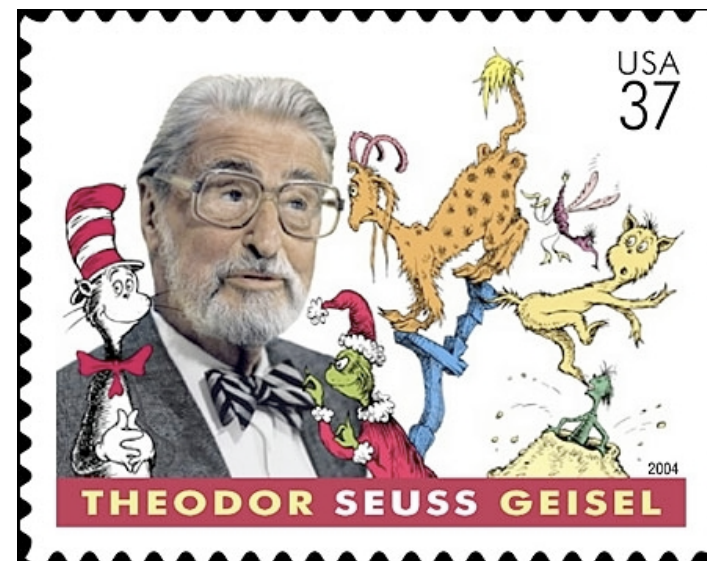


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